

Stationery A Neglected Field

Iowa, S. Dakota HPO Service Soon

August 1 will see the inauguration of two additional Highway Post Office Routes both in the mid-West. Operation of each is to be in the hands of private individuals on contracts with the Post Office Department. The new service will be between the following points:

Des Moines, Iowa and Sioux City, Iowa.
Sioux City, Iowa, and Mitchell, S. Dak.

Special first trip cachets and cancellation stamps will be provided for each of the above-named routes. Collectors desiring first-trip cancellations should send their covers properly prepared with postage prepaid and ready for mailing at the first-class rate, to the postmasters at the terminal cities of each route from which first-trip cancellations are desired. A clear space not less than 2 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches to the left on the address side of all covers must be left for application of the cachets.

On each route the initial trip between the first-named and last-named city will be designated as "Trip 1"; the initial trip between the last-named and the first-named city will be designated "Trip 2."

Covers for first-trip cancellations should be sent under cover, or wrapper, to the appropriate postmaster with accompanying letter, or endorsement on wrapper, authorizing the holding of the covers for the first-trip and requesting application of the cachet. No provision will be made for philatelic handling of covers to or from intermediate post offices along these routes; however, at the request of collectors, covers receiving cachets will be directed to the outer terminus of the trip, and will there be backstamped and dispatched onward to destination.

All covers intended for first-trip cancellations should be in the hands of the appropriate postmasters at an early date, and not later than July 29. Covers received after July 29 will be returned to sender and will not be given first-trip treatment.

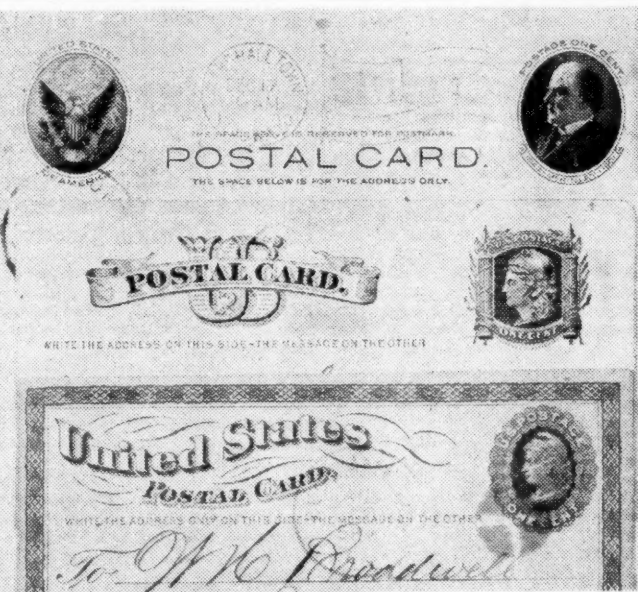
PSS Convention At Dallas, Texas

Citizens of Dallas, Texas will have every reason to be precancel stamp conscious for four days at least when the 31st annual convention and exhibition of the Precancel Stamp Society is held at the Hotel Adolphus from August 14 to 17.

Hosts to visitors will be the Texas Precancel Club which emphasizes the point that membership in the Texas or the national society is not necessary for participation. Collectors of all kinds, and the non-collecting members of their families will have much to occupy their time.

Several outstanding precancel collections have been promised for the show. It will be the intention of the exhibition committee to cover all aspects of this specialized field.

Dealers interested in bourse accommodations can write to Wallace Hilborn, 106 S. Poydras St., Dallas, or W. H. Perry, Box 1815, Abilene, Texas.



POSTAL CARDS OF AN EARLIER DAY. These and other United States Postal cards are discussed in an article this page, at the bottom is shown the first one issued in 1873, a rather fancy product. In the center is the second type card considered by many as the most beautiful design of them all, released in 1875. At the top is the substituted type of memorial card with the picture of president McKinley. It was produced in 1902.

Interest In Sacred Book Reawakened By Forthcoming Gutenberg Bible Commem

Gertrude Boss

The announced intention of the Post Office Department to issue a stamp to mark the 500th anniversary of the first book printed from movable type, the Gutenberg Bible, has aroused more than a little curiosity about the book itself. Certainly over the centuries, the Bible in its various forms has been the world's best seller. It is used to a great extent by all the Christian religions as the basis for their teachings. Individual readers have found in its pages courage, consolation and inspiration. Just what is known about it?

The Bible as most readers know is not one book but a collection of many written and compiled by various authors over a span of at least 1000 years before it was organized into official, or canonical form some 350 years after the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. The 39 books of the Old Testament were written in Hebrew while the New Testament was in Greek.

The First Bible to receive official sanction was the celebrated Vulgate of Saint Jerome, which is written in Latin, and for sixteen centuries has been the Roman Catholic version.

In addition Biblical researchers must take into account the fact that Jesus of Nazareth and his disciples talked and preached in a fourth language, Aramaic, which was the common spoken language of his time and his country.

One basic fact about the Bible is that no manuscript of any of its books or parts exist today which are even claimed to be original. All copies and translations must be made from other copies. Even the Apostles, who lived in a time when writing with pen and ink on papyrus rolls, was fairly common, and who probably prepared their letters and gospels in that way, have left not one line in their own handwriting.

For this reason scholars have toiled for centuries to find and

decipher the earliest possible manuscripts of the Bible, to compare them with one another, and to decide which of the many various readings should be accepted as authentic.

There are more than 200,000 for the New Testament alone. New discoveries are still coming to light.

As late as 1948 some wandering Arabs found a group of leather scrolls covered with writing, wrapped in a cloth and stuffed into pieces of ancient pottery in a cave near the Dead Sea. On examination they proved to be Old Testament manuscripts, including an almost complete Book of Isaiah in Hebrew and an Aramaic version of Daniel. It was first reported that they were over 2000 years old, but this has not been fully confirmed.

Even if they could be dated as far back as the first century A.D. they will immediately take rank as the oldest extensive Biblical texts in existence. Some scholars believe they were hidden in a cave by a group of devout Jews fleeing from the collapse of a revolution against the Roman rule in 135 A.D.

The most romantic of such discoveries was by Tischendorf, a German scholar who went to Egypt and the East in 1844 in search of ancient manuscripts. Coming to the Monastery of Saint

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United States Postal Cards Are An Overlooked Field; Worthy Of Collector Notice

J. F. McGee

United States Postal Cards are doubly Americana, so to speak. First philatellically, and secondly for the information found in the messages on the earlier ones about the life and business affairs of the time.

For instance, one is inclined to imagine that the only early industry in Dakota Territory was the gold mining in the Black Hills. I have about a dozen postal cards of the '80's that deal with the production of a mica mine near Custer City, Dakota Ty., which is also in the Black Hills. Most of the messages are instructions on the size of the squared blocks of mica wanted in the next shipment to Cleveland.

The blocks were transported either by stage coach or wagon to the nearest railway, which was at Sidney, Nebr. Don't tell this to anybody else. The express charges on 100 pounds of mica block from Buffalo Gap, (near Custer City) to Cleveland were \$13.25.

Mica was then in great demand for panes in base burner heating stoves. I read recently that mica mining has been revived in the Black Hills at the request of the government.

A collection of U. S. postal cards should contain examples of the first private post cards for business purposes that appeared shortly after Congress had authorized them on May 19, 1898. At least the few that are imitations of the then current government postal card, minus the imprinted stamp, should be included.

The First Type

This type unquestionably combined the best ideas of all the top officials of the Post Office Department in 1873 on what a postal card should be in every respect. It is an ornate design as can be seen by the illustration. It is printed in brown on buff and was issued on May 13, 1873.

The instructions in regards to the address might not be legible in the illustration above. It reads, "Write the address only on this side—the message on the other." This direction was unnecessary as four printed guide lines were provided to be followed in writing the address, which left scant space for the other matter.

The first printing is on cardboard watermarked with a large monogram composed of the letters, "U S P O D". The second issue has the same watermark in a smaller size. The third printing is on plain stock. Therefore there are three numbers of this type.

Second Issue

This type is also illustrated and a detailed description of it is not needed. It is in black on buff and was released on September 30, 1875. The first printing is on cardboard with the small monogram watermark. The second is on plain stock.

This type was reissued in October 1881. It is easily identified by the change in the form of the instructions, which now advises, "Nothing but the address can be placed on this side."

The design of the three types of the second issue is the most beautiful in classical simplicity of all our postal cards, in my opinion.

Today when the foundation of our republic is threatened by the

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Dominican Set Pictures Hospital

Those who like the Medical subjects on stamps will find that a set of five the Dominican Republic released recently will fill the bill. The set, all depicting a view of the Hospital Dr. Salvador



B. Gautier in Trujillo City was produced by lithography.

According to Casa Filatelica Antillana of Trujillo City a 2c red and 5c blue had a first day on June 17. A 1c green, and airmails of 23c green and 29c red were issued on June 21.

Kinston Airmail Inaugural Cachet

Effective on or about July 25, air mail service will be inaugurated at Kinston, N. C., on feeder route A. M. 87.

Special cachet will be provided for Kinston, and the usual treatment of philatelic mail will be authorized.

First-flight air-mail covers sent to the postmaster at Kinston must be prepaid at the appropriate air mail postage rate. Double postal cards and double post cards intended for return reply purposes are not acceptable as first-flight covers. All covers should be accompanied by a letter authorizing the holding of the covers for the first flight and requesting the application of the cachet. Space approximately 2 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches to the left on the address side of all covers is required for the cachet.

An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope to obtain better impression of cachet and postmark, and to prevent damage to cover or canceling machine.

No provision will be made for point to point covers. However, at request of collectors, covers receiving cachet will be given directional service only to an office designated by the General Superintendent, Postal Transportation Service, and served by the first flight in each direction, and will there be backstamped and dispatched onward to destination.

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By CARL P. RUETH

Usually folks are not too much interested in statistics but I believe that since we as taxpayers have a direct, and as stamp collectors an indirect interest in the Post Office Department, a few excerpts from the "Report of the Postmaster General, Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1951" might be of interest.

This publication has just been released to the public by the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. Should you want a copy the cost is 55c postpaid.

Now bear in mind that the figures are for the fiscal year 1951. Postal Revenues were \$1,776,816,354 (that's billion, a word or figure common in POD reports) while Postal Expenses were \$2,457,927,570. Even if you didn't get beyond third grade arithmetic you can see that there is a lot of red to those figures. In fact the amount was \$681,111,216 of which \$129,600,000 was chargeable to prior years leaving a net deficit for 1951 of \$551,511,216.

While postal receipts for the period were the highest ever in the history of the Department, an increase of 5.92% over the previous high year, 1950, expenses in the same period increased 10.5%.

Let's pause a minute for a couple of questions.

1. Should you want to see a picture of the Post Office Department Building on what commemorative stamp would you look?

2. A statehood commem within the past ten years has in its design, "The Volunteer State". Which state is it?

Ready to go again?

Again in the fiscal year 1951 the volume of mail handled had an increase to become the record year to date. Actual pieces, and here comes the billions again, was 46,908,410,000, exceeding 1950 by 1.8 billion pieces.

The report points out that the above figure is in terms of originating mail each piece being counted but once. Actually each piece of mail is handled not less than ten times, a fact which gives some indication of the great amount of labor involved in the full mail handling operation.

The weight of the mails had a 3.44% increase for a total figure of 11,982,011,000 pounds while the cubic content had an almost identical increase of 3.41% for a figure of 830,907,000 cu. ft.

Each of you as individuals were responsible for 305.11 pieces of mail stating it on a per capita basis, and a per capita personal expense for postage fees of \$11.56.

For the 10-year period 1941 to 1951 the increase in the volume of the mail and special service transactions together was 60% and the increase in revenues 119%, as compared with the increase in the nation's population of about 16%.

The total number of postal employees at the close of the fiscal year 1951 was 498,186 of which 2617 were departmental employees and 495,569 field employees. The total at the close of fiscal year 1950 was 500,578. Since 1945 mail volume increased 23.7%, but the number of postal employees increased only 14.3%.

The trend of train discontinuances by the railroads continues. In the fiscal year 1951 the rail-

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roads eliminated 371 trains upon which postal service was maintained. On 44 routes all train service was ended. These service discontinuances were made by the railroads to eliminate non-profitable passenger runs. Since the early 1930's the number of mail carrying trains has been reduced as much as 65%.

Alex Roche of Geneva, N. Y. is in receipt of a letter from postmaster Benjamin E. Lester of Augusta, Ga. that contrary to what has been said or written on the matter there will be no inauguration of HPO service from his office to Charleston, S. C. and covers are being returned.

His advice on the matter is that such service was begun December 9, 1950.

R. G. Hostetler of Wooster, Ohio has brought up an interesting question which troubles quite a few people. It concerns the lack of a watermark in stamps which the Scott Specialized Catalog lists as having one.

As examples he offers the 4c, 5c and 6c denominations of the 1908 issue having a design A140, and the same of the 1910-1911. The former are perf 12 and should have the double-line (letters) watermark. The latter is also perf 12 and should have the single-line (letters) watermark. If they each have what they are supposed to have the identification is not difficult.

But what are you going to call a perf 12 stamp of this era which does not show any part of a watermark? According to the catalog, such a critter has no home or number.

Absence of a watermark in this instance is not a rarity for the "USPS" was not distributed through the paper so that a letter or part of a letter fell in each stamp. There are stamps where no part of one of these letters can be found, or where the part is so tiny as to make it impossible to declare it as a portion of the watermark.

Sometimes such a small bit of the watermark shows, that it is impossible to declare the item a single or double line letter, and here again it cannot be cataloged accurately.

Mr. Hostetler wants to know how you handle these in your album.

A good policy to follow is that if the stamp does not definitely show beyond all question of doubt that it is watermarked one way or the other, don't buy or mount it. I can tell you a dealer will not buy such a stamp for his stock unless he can be sure, so why should you, who ultimately expect to sell your collection, buy a pig in a poke.

As a practical example suppose you bought one of the stamps discussed here from a full pane in which it was possible to see the double line watermark. But suppose your stamp was one of that pane which had no part of a watermark.

You and the dealer know beyond all question of doubt the identity of that stamp. But how about everyone else in the world? If the stamp doesn't have the proper identifying watermark, you can swear on a stack of bibles that it is number so-and-so, but you don't have the evidence, and you're absolutely sunk.

Watermarking can be a difficult process for many of our U. S. issues. The 6c oranges and the 10c yellows are especially tough. Then the raised letters on the dandy roll which impress the watermark in the paper pulp blanket at the paper mill can be broken, or worn, or the thickness of the paper can vary somewhat, all of which brings woes.

Simple devices such as a black dish and benzine, or carbon tetrachloride are used for watermarking. There are also lights, and lights with filters for the purpose. In any event these things won't put a watermark or piece of one where there isn't any, nor will they bring out strongly a dim watermark impression.

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Because of inequities of such distribution collectors and dealers of New Zealand had protested that in many instances it was not possible for them to obtain their fair share.

Beginning with the 1952 Health stamps the commemorative envelopes will be sold only through retail stationers and other stores at 1d each, and not at post offices.

Overseas clients of the New Zealand philatelic agency must remit the 1d charge per envelope, plus a 1 1/2d service charge, and the full face value of the stamps for each cover.

Christensen Elected To Head Texas Group

At the recent convention and exhibition of the Texas Philatelic Association, Houston, Texas, officers were chosen for the coming fiscal year.

Emil Christensen of Houston was elected to the presidency; Lamar Folda of Corpus Christi, vice president; and Vernon A. Forrester of Fort Worth, secretary-treasurer.

Still available to collectors are some of the special souvenir covers. They sell for 15c each and are to be gotten from Mrs. Leola L. Small, 1827 Norfolk, Houston, Texas.

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PART V

DOGMA OF THE ASSUMPTION

On May 8, 1951, these two stamps were placed on sale for the first time. Both were produced on unwatermarked paper by the photogravure method. They commemorate the declaration of the Dogma of the Assumption first proclaimed by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950. The 25 lire stamp shows Pius XII announcing this Dogma. The 55 lire stamp shows part of the crowd that assembled in St. Peter's Square and the adjoining area to hear the proclamation.

A Dogma is the proclaiming of a certain truth by the Pope stating that a fact has been proven after long study and is, from that day forth, to be believed by all of the Catholic religion.



This act is never made on the spur of the moment. Many months and more often a great number of years of study and research are conducted to find out all possible about the act before a Dogma is proclaimed. Both sides of the story are heard, and finally the Pope, if it is true, proclaims that this accepted belief is a fact to be honored by the faithful.



In this instance, the Assumption was the act of faith so honored. The Assumption is the belief that upon the death of Mary, the Mother of God, her body as well as her soul rose to heaven on a cloud surrounded by Angels. The Blessed Virgin was the only mortal that was brought to heaven in this manner.

Beatification, Pope Pius X

One of the rare successes of producing the color of gold on stamps was accomplished by the Vatican City State in this set released June 3, 1951. It was issued on paper watermarked with the Crossed Keys. The exact method used to produce them is not definitely known yet, but will be noted as soon as the information is available.



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values. The 6 and 10 lire stamps show a view of the face of Pius X, while the 60 and 115 lire values depict a view of the right side. All of the portraits are on a gold medallion with an outside color of violet, green, blue, and brown in their respective order of denomination.



By "beatification" is meant that a holy person, after a long and careful study of his or her acts and entire life are believed to be in heaven and are honored with the title of "Blessed." This study originates in the diocese of the home of the person in question and ends in the Vatican.

In between these two places all persons acquainted with him (or her) are questioned and all writings of the person are sent to a Tribunal of the Sacred Congregation of Rites. If there is the slightest doubt, or the tiniest mark on the person's life the act

of beatifying is stopped.

If the proceedings are favorable, the person is pronounced Blessed and is entitled to a limited degree of honor only. Beatification does not imply final approval by the Church. The new "Blessed" may be venerated only in the locality where he lived and worked and in the religious communities he founded, not throughout the universal Church.

Pope Pius X (Guiseppe Sarto) was born of humble parents at Riese, near Venice in 1835. He was elected Pope in August 1903. The main event of his eleven year reign as Pontiff was the separation of the Church and state in France and Portugal.

In 1907 he issued a Syllabus condemning works dealing with matters of Christian belief, Biblical criticism, theology, church discipline, etc. These works were the views taken by radical writers on modernization of religion.

During his reign he inaugurated the codification of Canon Law and simplified church music. Pius X died in 1914 and was succeeded by Pope Benedict XV.

Semipostal Stamps

On April 3, 1933, Vatican City issued its only set of semipostal stamps. They were engraved on unwatermarked paper.



The stamps depict the orb and cross in an oval shaped design. The 25 and 75 centesimi values have the inscription "Poste Vaticane" curved across the top of the oval and "Anno Santo 1933-34"

curved around the bottom. These inscriptions are kept from joining by a Maltese Cross on either side.

The 80 centesimi and 1.25 lire stamps, while having the orb and cross in an oval, have the inscriptions arranged differently. "Poste Vaticane" is on a ribbon directly over the top of the oval. The ribbon has its ends flowing around the sides of the orb and cross and ending in a roll. "Anno Santo" is in an oblong on the bottom of the stamp design, while the date "1933" appears in the upper left corner and the date "1934" is in the upper right.

All four stamps bear a surtax of varying amounts. This surtax went into a fund that was used to defray the Holy Year expenses.

The Holy Year of 1933 was a special one, that is, it was not the one proclaimed every twenty-five years. This Holy Year, the first since Vatican City became an independent nation, marked the nineteenth centenary of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ. In addition to commemorating this event, the jubilee has as one of its main reasons the praying for a continued peace in the face of the war that was fast approaching.

(This story of the philatelic material of Vatican State is necessarily condensed. Should you want additional information send a stamped-addressed envelope with your request to William Wonneberger, Jr., 556 Newfield Ave., Bridgeport 7, Conn.)

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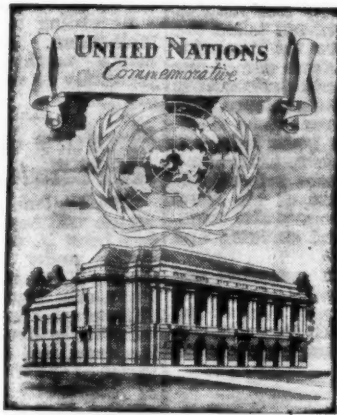
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Correcting An Error

In our issue of June 16, I talked about an article by Mr. Theodore Steinway which was published in the Collectors Club Philatelist and concerned expert committees.

I regret that in this article I referred to the expert committee of the Collectors Club. I wish to state that the expert committee under discussion was that of the Philatelic Foundation and not of the Collectors Club. It is quite easy for one to make a mistake in this way for the committee of the Philatelic Foundation is so closely associated with and seems to be a part of the Collectors Club, yet such is not the case for the Foundation is entirely separate from the Club although it does meet in the rooms of the Club, has its headquarters there and perhaps every member of the Foundation is also a member of the Club, so that one naturally thinks of both groups as being about the same.



GEORGE W. LINN

be mentioned in order that an understanding might be had for future events of the same nature.

Some months ago our paper as well as other American philatelic publications gave liberal space to an exhibition that was held at Monte Carlo, under the name of REINATEX. I have not taken the trouble to look up the dates and check accurately on the name for spelling, but am taking it from a manuscript letter from one of our sailor boys who happened to have shore leave in Monte Carlo during this event. The young man is a stamp collector and believed that he would have a splendid day in viewing such a great stamp show. He proceeded to the building where the show was being held but was refused admission. He states that not being able to understand French he did not learn for just what reason he was refused admittance. Our guess would be that it was because of his naval uniform. A lot of these so called Counts and No Accounts also sometimes get very hifalutin ideas about their own social standing and refuse to associate with the common herd.

We are proud to make this protest against such procedure and trust that if American sailors or soldiers seek admission to other philatelic events which are open to the public in any part of the world that they will be treated with the respect which they deserve. Things like that do not happen here and should not happen over there either.

This Makes Me Laugh

In my editorial of June 16, near the last paragraph I spoke about the need for a more careful watching of counterfeits among cheap and common stamps which were used to salt large variety packets, and said that the cleaning up of such things was of as much importance as catching the big fellows.

I was amazed to have a letter from an official of one of the leading stamp societies asking if I could suggest any plan by which such counterfeits might be cleaned up. I immediately outlined a plan, which although drastic, would do the business if put into operation. Now I am amazed that this society officer writes back to me and approves the plan and states that he will try to have the society get behind the plan and see what can be done.

I am afraid that it will not be adopted for I know how little any of the big stamp societies have ever done to really protect and clean up the hobby. I think this man who is going to propose the plan will merely run into so many snags that he too will give up. However if the plan is adopted I will feel it has done a very great job.

Those DOLLAR Error Wine Stamps

Mr. Walter H. Bonneau of Old Town, Maine sent us two specimens of the \$1.65 4/5 wine stamps which have an error in the word DOLLAR. It is spelled with three L's, thus, DOLLAR. While we have seen quite a bit about this error in the stamp press we have not seen any reference to the fact that the stamps come in a deep green and a light apple green. This would indicate that there must have been quite an extensive printing of them and one of the most peculiar things about this is that from all we have read on the subject, the Department at Washington was simply flabbergasted when the error was called to their attention, and had no previous knowledge of it and had no idea how it had occurred.

Chalk up another for the stamp collecting fraternity, they are always the first to report errors and fakes on U. S. stamps to the Washington printers.

The Truth At Last

Collectors have often wondered why it is that the Philatelic Agency is so far behind in filling orders. Any good stamp dealer supported by such a volume of business as they get would find a means for getting the orders filled quickly, but not so the Agency.

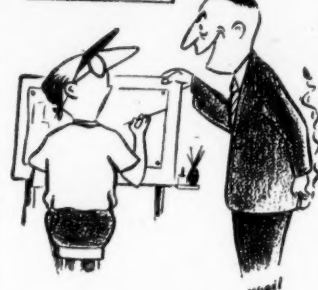
From a collector in Canada we believe comes some light on the delay with orders. This gentleman sends us a clipping from an envelope which brought him his supply of the new Lafayette stamp. The cover bore a block of four of this new stamp and a nice smack with the canceling stamp across the center of the block would have provided suitable and sufficient cancellation to prevent re-use of the stamps which should be the prime object of a cancellation, yet this block was soaked four times, once for each stamp and the mess is one that would discourage any collector from collecting blocks of four.

The canceling of this cover took just four times as long as it should have taken and this might be part of the reason why orders from the Agency are delayed so long.

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These currently prized few words read, "Printed By The Authority Of The Commonwealth Of Australia." The block with the selvage attached on which these words appear has the same attraction as United States plate number blocks.

In commenting on the decision PMG Anthony stated that it is not a general common practice throughout the world to so mark panes of stamps, and that it serves no useful purpose to his department.

As in the United States stamp selling clerks were under continuous pressure from collectors for supplies of the imprint blocks, another deterrent to efficiency which the order removes.

According to Keith Tucker of Melbourne, Australia the imprints would be discontinued gradually as new printing plates are made.

Feature UN Material At Philatelic Museum

The United Nations Exhibition which will continue to August 1, has been in preparation for two years under the direction of James H. Baxter of the Museum Philatelic Research Committee. Efforts were made to secure documentary evidence of every step of the way, and Bertil A. Renborg, Chief of the United Nations Postal Administration, and Jan Jutta of the United Nations Department of Public Information cooperated to an unusual degree with the Museum in this connection.

The firms of Enschede & Sons of Holland and Thomas De La Rue & Company of England merit the thanks of the United Nations and the National Philatelic Museum for their splendid cooperation.

Important feature of the exhibit is the presentation of stamps of the sixty member nations and their individual Chief Delegates to the United Nations. Photograph of each delegate together with his biography, the Flag of his Country and many covers with stamps originating in each country. Most countries issued commemorative stamps in honor of either the United Nations or the Specialized Agencies.

Stamps honoring the Universal Postal Union, one of the agencies of the United Nations, are also displayed. This exhibit will be continuously augmented.

Large uncut proofs of United Nations Postal Stationery, the Air-Letter Sheet and Postal Card are also displayed.

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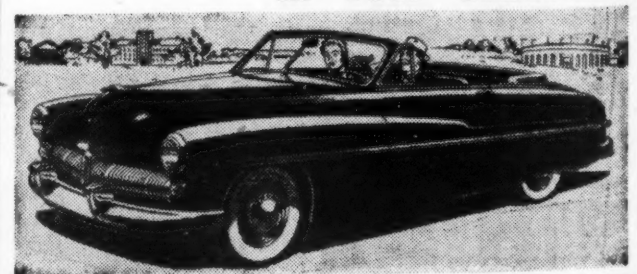
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But despite his love of peace, his administration was full of troubles. A special Congress revised the tariff—a very thorny subject which Roosevelt conveniently ducked. The final Act was so highly protective that it split his own party. He objected to such 'newfangled ideas' as initiative and referendum. He proposed competing with the Parcel Post bill and the Postal Savings bill—and to top off his dwindling popularity, he proposed two amendments to the Constitution—one to authorize a federal income tax—and the other for the election of U. S. senators by popular vote.

In 1912 'big-shot Teddy' had returned from his travels, and 'very much displeased with Taft's conduct of office' he decided to enter the race against Taft's reelection as a Progressive, aided and abetted by the famous Emporia editor, William Allen White, who blew and trumpeted the 'Bull-Moose' horn for his friend. Result—Roosevelt tore a huge segment of progressives out of the Republican party, so that neither man won, and Woodrow Wilson, Democrat, became the next president of the U. S.

William Howard Taft, still good-natured and smiling, was later appointed by President Harding, as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, where he ruled with dignity until his death.

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Additional information can be gotten from Sidney P. Holland, 931 Orange Ave., Santa Ana, Calif.

TO OUR ADVERTISERS

A large percentage of the reading matter and illustrations in the August 4 edition will be devoted to the forthcoming Society of Philatelic Americans convention and exhibition in the Hotel Astor, New York City, August 14 to 17. A large quantity of sample copies of this paper will be distributed gratis to exhibition visitors. Those advertisers who want to take advantage of this opportunity to make a presentation of their stamps and services to SPA members will find no better time for it. Ad copy intended for the August 4 issue should be so marked when sent here. Deadline for this edition is July 23—copy can be sent any time before this date.

BRITISH EMPIRE CHATTER

Henry M. Friedman
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AUSTRALIA. The 3 pence red stamp #232 is a scarce item. Issued in 1951, it was superseded the same year by a 3 pence green #242.

A prominent wholesaler is offering this red stamp #232 at \$2.50 per 10, which is 25c each, and it looks as if this item will go higher.

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BAHAMAS. The Eleutherian Commemorative set (Scott #132/147) is another scarce set, and the present retail price is from \$13.00 to \$15.00 whereas the catalogue value is \$15.52. Higher prices can be expected in the 1953 catalogues.

KING GEORGE VI. All previously announced stamps and sets bearing the portrait of George VI are being released as planned and most of these will have a short life, as they will be withdrawn when the Elizabeth II stamps are released.

The new set from St. Kitts, just released is one of the sets which look good. It is reported that a new Elizabeth II set is being prepared and when issued, it can be presumed that the current set will become scarce as few dealers are able to lay in any substantial stock of these new items.

RHODESIA & NYASALAND PROT. The authorities in London recently released a "White Paper" embodying plans for a Central African Federation which would combine the Rhodesia and Nyasaland Protectorate.

This proposal offers an advance toward self government to a large population just north of Malan's racist South Africa. The chief objection to the proposed federation comes from the natives who are afraid of losing the safeguards they now enjoy through the Commonwealth Relations Office in London.

It is questionable whether this federation will be able to solve the conflicting problems of race in this part of Africa.

NORTH BORNEO. In the recently released new printings of some values of the current issue, the 15c stamp appeared in blue instead of ultramarine and the editor of the Commonwealth Catalogue states that this blue stamp will find a place in the next issue of this popular catalogue.

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BELGIAN CONGO—A series of 22 flower stamps is in preparation, according to Whitfield King & Company, with six already having been released May 20.

COLOMBIA—Two airmail sets were released May 9, according to the same source. Identical in design and values but in red and in blue.

GERMANY—Republic—A 20pfg. stamp marking the return of battered Heligoland to Germany is being released, showing a fishing boat and view of the island.

GERMANY—Western—New 4, 10 and 20pfg. stamps for the pre-Olympic Festival in Berlin have been reported by Whitfield King & Company.

ICELAND—On October 1, four stamps (1.25kr., 2.20kr., 5 kr. and 10kr.) are to mark the anniversary of the death of Sveinn Bjornsson.

IRELAND—Within a few months this country will issue a stamp commemorating the centenary of the death of Thomas Moore, national poet. According to information received by the Eire Philatelic Association from Erskine Childers, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, the stamp will be the first to be produced by the recess engraving process.

MOROCCO AGENCIES—The 10d stamp of Britain has been surcharged "Morocco Agencies 1 Peseta".

PORTUGUESE COLONIES—Eight colonies have each released one stamp to mark the first Congress of Tropical Medicine, held in Lisbon, and showing hospitals for the treatment of natives. The colonies involved are Angola, Cape Verde, Macao, Mozambique, Portuguese Guinea, Portuguese India, St. Thomas & Principe, and Timor.

THAILAND—A 2 baht airmail featuring the Garuda bird, prominent in Hindu and Buddhist mythology and towers of a monastery, appeared June 15.

YUGOSLAVIA—Seven sets are on the schedule. These will mark the Olympic Games, United Nations, cultural monuments, Zagreb Fair, Children's Week, Red Cross (postage and postage due) and the Yugoslavia Stamp Exhibition.

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POSTAL CARDS

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political ideologies of communism, socialism and internationalism, we should reissue the 1875 type of Liberty Head Postal card to stress our Americanism. I am certain it would be received by loyal Americans with a surge of patriotic fervor, some even kissing the first one to come into their hands.

Portraits of Jefferson, Grant and John Adams Replace Liberty Heads.

Jefferson is honored on a card issued August 24, 1885, Scott's UX8. The stamp has a near front likeness of him in an oval, which is framed by a large branch of laurel and one of oak. It is printed in brown on buff, and three other shades of ink are listed, orange brown, red brown and chocolate.

Another Jefferson card followed. His portrait is facing to the right in a circular frame. The stamp is positioned in the upper center of the card.

Grant is introduced on a December 16, 1891 Card, Scott's UX10. It is extra large and is printed in greyish black.

The same type printed in blue on a smaller card was released on the same date.

Jefferson apparently was a favorite subject of the P. O. D. for postal cards. His portrait ap-

pears on a new type issued on January 2, 1892. His picture is the same one on the 1885 card, but having much smaller garlands.

A new type of card went on sale December 1897. Jefferson was again picked as the subject of the stamp. The portrait is a copy of the die of the 1892 stamp, except the framing garlands are larger and longer. It is Scott's UX14.

Private post cards were prohibited in the mails, and the Trans-Mississippi Exposition Company of Omaha applied to the government for an issue of postal cards with a white paper back with a suitable surface for lithographing a set of official souvenir cards with views of the exposition buildings. The government complied with the request. The card furnished was of the current type, Scott's UX14.

The Omaha Postal Card Co., to which the concession to handle the official souvenir postal cards had been sold, advertised the set of ten cards in the stamp magazines of the time. It explained to collectors that the postal cards were not of the regular card-board, but had a white paper back. Nevertheless Scott's does not recognize them as a distinct type. I presume a few exist with plain white backs.

(The government also furnished white back postal cards for the official views to the World Columbian Exposition, held at Chicago in 1893.)

On the next regular card, which went on sale, March 31, 1898, there is a welcome change in the subject of the stamp. The personage depicted is our 2nd president, John Adams.

McKinley Memorial Cards

McKinley, our 25th president, died of an assassin's bullet on September 14, 1901. A memorial postal card in black was prepared. The stamp on it has a front face portrait. There was only a small printing of the type and the entire issue was said to have been sent to the New York post office, hence its scarcity. The credited story for the cancelling of further printing of the type was there had been complaints that the portrait of the stamp was too youthful to be readily recognizable as that of the man who had served as president.

Anyway a new portrait of an older McKinley facing to the left was selected for the stamp. As the card is illustrated I shall not give a description of it.

Four other types of McKinley cards followed in the next ten years.

1c War Tax on Cards

Congress in 1917 voted to place a war tax of 1c each on domestic and private post cards. The tax was not to be retained by the P.O.D., but paid into the U. S. Treasury at stated intervals. At the same time a war tax was put on parcel post packages. It was collected through the use of U. S. Documentary Revenue stamps.

The P.O.D. complied with the law in its own way in the matter of the postal cards. It issued a 2c single postal card on October 22, 1917. It is printed in red, including the stamp, which has a portrait of Jefferson facing the left. There are two types of the stamp, Scott's UX29 and UX30.

The 2c Message card has a portrait of George Washington facing to the left on the stamp. The 2c Reply card has a front face portrait of Martha Washington on the stamp. They are printed in red and the issue date was August 2, 1918.

Collectors of the time naturally would have expected these 2c stamps to be inscribed, "Postage & Revenue", or at least to find on the cards a printed notice to advise the public that 1c of the value of the stamp represented a war tax.

I do not know the reason why the stamps did not express their character, but it probably was because that would have called for a special 2c adhesive stamp also inscribed, "Postage & Revenue", for mailing the private post cards.

When the war tax went into effect there were millions of the 1c postal cards with printed forms on the back, or a printed address, or both, in the hands of the public. The majority of these were the 1c Jefferson of 1914, and lesser numbers of the 1c green

Lincoln of 1917 and the 1c red McKinley of 1911.

These 1c cards with printing were made to serve their purpose by affixing stamps, the 1c perforated and 1c coil, to pay the war tax. Cards can also be found with the 1c postage due and the 2c adhesive.

If you have studied the various instructions on our postal cards that aimed to reserve the front for the address, you will have noticed the struggle the P.O.D. had over the years to compose a simple direct statement to that end.

The second form of this instruction that the P.O.D. came up with reads, "Nothing but the address can be placed on this side." That is a loose statement in fact. I have a used postal card with a bank check printed on its back. On the front, and to the left of the address, is a written list of religious publications for which the check was in payment.

You will also find this sentence, "Nothing but the address to be on this side."

Another effort achieved this one, "This side is for address only." Any high school kid would point out that this sentence lacks the definite article "the".

If I were assigned the task of composing a more effective form of instruction, I would reverse the practice and suggest this one, "Confine your message to the back of the card."

Should you glance over the listing of the postal cards in Scott's U. S. Specialized, you will quickly notice that I have skipped over all the 2c cards for foreign correspondence, and also quite a number of the 1c single ones. Of the domestic cards, the double "Message" with the attached "Paid Reply", I have mentioned only one of them. Then there remains the 2c Jefferson cards from which the war tax was removed by revaluing the stamps on them as 1c ones.



Kenneth M. Gierhart
Baltimore, Ohio

Dr. PHILLIPS, FLORIDA.

The mention by Mr. Linn the other week of Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida brings to mind another unusual named Florida town. That is Dr. Phillips, Florida. It was a large fruit ranch or grove or whatever they are called. Some years ago I came upon precancels from the place and after some correspondence got a direct letter from one of its officials.

The establishment was of course big enough to warrant a post office of its own and a lot of advertising was done in those days and Precancels were used.

Not too long ago I passed up a copy of the town in a sales book. Shortly thereafter a Mr. W. D. Knox of San Angelo, Texas informs me that the old original post office at Dr. Phillips burned down in 1949 and the precanceling device was destroyed. When the office was re-established meters were put in use so no more precancels from one of the South's most interesting towns.

SEC. 34.65 (e)
When in 1950 the Post Office Department fixed a \$10 fee for users of the 1c rate the indicia required in the stamped corner was changed from Sec. 562 P.L. & R. to Sec. 34.66 P.L. & R.

A mailer claiming exemption must have his permit approved. He can mail while his permit approval is pending if he makes a deposit with the postmaster in the amount that might be charged him if the permit is not approved.

Missing Bird Is Valuable Creature

Philately is somewhat of an enigma, in that on occasions the "have nots" have more than the "haves".

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BIBLE HISTORY

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Catherines at the foot of Mount Sinai in Palestine he found in the monastery library "a great and wide basket" filled with old parchment leaves which the monks were using to start fires, and two such basketfuls had already been burned.

Though the leaves were moldy and discolored by age the scholar's trained eye recognized them as pages of a Bible in very old Greek handwriting. He showed so much excitement that the monks immediately took away the basket but allowed him to keep 43 of the leaves. He took these to Germany and published their contents, but told no one where he found them.

In 1853 he returned to Mount Sinai in hope of obtaining the rest, but this time he found only a single page with a few verses of Genesis. The wary monks insisted they had nothing more to show him.

In 1859 he made a third trip, but still could not find what he wanted. He had given up hope and was prepared to leave for good, when the steward of the monastery invited him to his cell for supper one night. As they entered the tiny room the steward remarked, "I too have read a Septuagint" (An ancient Greek version of the Old Testament).

He took down from a shelf a bundle of parchment wrapped in a red cloth. As he unfolded it Tischendorf saw it was the very manuscript he had been hunting for fifteen years. Not only did it contain most of the Old Testament, and some apocryphal books which had not been known in Greek before, but the complete New Testament as well.

This time the German scholar was wise enough to control his eagerness, merely asking to take the manuscript to his own room for further study. He spent that night copying it, and next morning arranged to carry the whole volume to Cairo to make a full transcription.

Then he hit upon the idea of asking the monks to lend the precious document to the Russian Czar, who was popular in that section, as protector of the Eastern Church. After long negotiations the manuscript was sent to St. Petersburg, then the capital of Russia, where Tischendorf published its text in four large volumes.

In 1869 the monks made it an outright gift to the Czar who sent them 9,000 rubles in return. In 1933 the Soviet government offered it at public sale, and the British Museum bought it for \$500,000. It is called Codex Sinaiticus as it is thought to have been written in 340 A.D.

It is one of the four most important Biblical manuscripts in existence. The others are Codex Vaticanus, owned by The Vatican Library and written probably between 300 and 350 A.D. Codex Alexandrinus which is also in the British Museum was written about 400 A.D. Codex Ephraemi in Paris written about the fifth century.

The latter is a palimpsest, that is, its original writing was scraped off with a knife by some scribe about the year 1100, and the material was used again for writing an unimportant treatise.

It was Tischendorf who deciphered the older writing from indentations made in the parchment. Then he published the original Bible text. Much ingenuity was used to recover lost pages where some had been pressed for centuries against other pages which still exist, and the dim tracings left were read by holding them up to a mirror.

For 1500 years before the invention of printing, only tedious copying could be relied on for circulating the Bible. The first Biblical scribes were a guild of copyists (Hebrew Massoretes) whose records go back into B.C. days. They were very devout—they washed their pens every time they inscribed the word for GOD, and when they wrote the more sacred word JEHOVA they stopped and bathed.

Beginning about the year 500 A.D. the Irish scribes took up copying and from then on there is another long story of their hardship and accomplishments.

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MARKET COMMENT

MINT SHEET BROKERAGE
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There was a time in the stamp business when summer was a signal for a general let down in activity on the part of buyer and dealer alike. Many of the N. Y. dealers were operating to all intent and purpose on three day weeks during July and August, and unless an out-of-towner knew his way around, there were certain days when it would be impossible to find but a handful of dealers open for business.

The Second World War changed this pattern, and contrary to precedent, business activity continued strong right through the war summers. Each year since 1946 we have expected to see a summer slump develop, and each year we have been wrong.

As we enter the 1952 season, we are almost hoping that there will be at least a slight let-up in activity because there is every indication that fall will see the quickening of a tempo that became evident these past few months.

In the realm of specifics, we now have a few listings on the Farley sheets, the first in many months, and it is worth noting that the one complete set listed for sale at \$525, was quickly sold and the old Bid replaced with a \$500 Quotation.

Flag sheets are doing very well in the \$38-\$40 range, with more units being moved at the \$40 figure, once supplies listed at an earlier \$39 had been exhausted.

In general the interest in sheets following Flags to the present time has been so negligible that one might almost say it was stagnant both ways. Of course there are the few exceptions of the late 1948 issues, and there are many buyers who maintain that somewhere out of this period a sleeper is sure to appear.

Oregon and Bliss are favorites in this department, with proponents of these issues pointing out the similarity to Pony Express in color and the psychological factor of history repeating itself.

At one time we were inclined to shrug off these "wild" prognostications into the future, but there is no use denying that if enough people are told something is going to be good and the word gets

around, eventually that "something" is going to be good, regardless of how ridiculous you think these chain reactions are.

All of which brings us right back to the sensation of 1952, good old Byrd Panes. We are happy to report at least a temporary levelling off here with the firm Bid of \$12.00 per 10 still good for considerable quantity, and moderate quantities available for sale at the \$14.00 per 10 level.

Also very strong are both the 1c and 3c Chicago Panes at the currently quoted \$11.00 per 10 for 1c, and \$13.50 for 3c Chicago—both firm bids backed by quantity and no offerings listed.

A lot of people are looking for the 6c and 8c perf Parks sheets and bidding good prices for them (\$5.75 & \$7.75), but it is difficult to understand why the possession of two odd sheets from a complete set should be a desirable thing.

In past years we can recall handling more of the 6c issues than any of the entire set (1c excepted) and while we do consider the complete set to be desirable property, we still take a dim view of the buying of odd issues except for the process of filling out an unbalanced stock.

Warren W. Scholl

POD To Cooperate On Maximum Cards

On June 17 Osborne A. Pearson, Assistant Postmaster General, and Robert E. Fellers, Assistant Executive Director met with Dr. Edgar C. Cardose, president, and C. M. Madison, treasurer, of the Maximum Card Society of America (MACSA). In this interview MACSA's representatives presented the case of the maximum card to the highest competent officials of the Post Office Department.

The result was a directive drafted whereby maximum cards are henceforth officially recognized as philatelic items on which cancellation may be obtained on any occasion and at any post office in the United States and possessions.

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